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Release Date: 06-22-12
Time: 1600 Hours

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Incident / DR#: Residential Burglary / DR #12-7455

Date: 06-22-12

Location: 100 Block of Walnut Street

Time: 1245 Hours

Suspect:	Name: Damian Pedersen City of Residence: Costa Mesa Charges: Residentail Burglary / Under the Influe	Age: 22 : :
Victim:	Name: N/A City of Residence: Costa Mesa :	Age: N/A :
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Vehicle:	None	

Synopsis:

On 06/22/12, at 1246 hours, Officers responded to the 100 block of Walnut Street on the report of a residential burglary in progress. The victim told CMPD communications that a male suspect had entered her residence through the backyard and grabbed her purse. The victim, who was home alone, confronted the suspect, who dropped the purse and fled the residence.

The victim described the suspect as being a male white in his twenties, with a shaved head, thin build, wearing a black shirt and tan shorts. While in route officers coordinated with each other to set up a perimeter in an attempt to apprehend the suspect. When officers arrived on scene they responded to their designated perimeter locations. A short while later the suspect was seen running northbound in the alley of the 1900 block of Fullerton Avenue. The suspect was contacted by police and detained. The suspect was identified as being, Damian Pedersen. Pedersen admitted to recently being released from jail and being on probation for drug related charges.

While on scene additional victims came forward. It was learned that Pedersen had entered two separate residences, an open garage and at least one vehicle. Pedersen was identified in the field by four witnesses. Pedersen was placed under arrest for residential burglary and transported to the Costa Mesa City Jail for booking.

Pedersen was showing strong signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Pedersen admitted to officers that he had been using Methamphetamine. Based on Pedersen's signs and symptoms, an under the influence of a controlled substance charge was added.

Pedersen was booked into the Costa Mesa City Jail for residential burglary and for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Pedersen was recently release from custody after serving 16 days of a 120 day sentence for drug related charges.

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